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**STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW**

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An interview was conducted between the undersigned and Examiner Tsai on October 19, 2004.

The undersigned emphasized the arguments and amendments presented in the last-filed Amendment. Specifically, it was asserted that amended claim 1 was not anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,177,695 Jeng since Jeng's material 61 is not received at any common elevation with conductive portions of Jeng's word lines. The Examiner concurred with this assertion in looking at Jeng's figures only, but wanted to review the Jeng specification in more detail in this regard.

With respect to claim 13, the undersigned asserted the significance of sacrificial plugging material being removed after formation of the bit line, and that Jeng discloses the opposite, namely removal of material 81 before the bit line formation of Fig. 2k. The Examiner agreed to further consider this issue. The undersigned also noted that in Applicant's last-filed response, the page 22, last paragraph, first line, reference to claim 33 was intended to be to claim 13.

Claims 23 and 35 were also discussed. The Examiner agreed that such claims were patentable over the art of record.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: 10-21-04

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